

L. A. County 150 Years Ago Knew Nothing About U. S. Constitution

But Celebration Friday in L. A. Will be One of Nation's Largest

All Los Angeles county on Friday will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the American Constitution. A program of pageantry, martial music and reconstructed historic scenes of the period immediately following the close of the American Revolution will be given in the Coliseum. On the same day the U. S. Government will issue a postage stamp with a replica of the famous Stearns painting of the signing of the Constitution of Sept. 17, 1787.

It is interesting to note what was happening here on the Pacific Coast during those stirring days attending the birth of our nation on the Atlantic seaboard. In 1787 the West Coast was under the Spanish flag and too far away, as far as communication was concerned, to know what was taking place in Boston, New York and Philadelphia. Los Angeles, only six years of age, consisted of a few shacks around a plaza, although the pueblo grant proper comprised 17,924 acres.

In 1776, five years after the founding of San Gabriel Mission, Los Angeles in the matter of government was "attached" to the Comandancia General of the Internal Provinces, which embraced New Spain's states of Sonora, New Mexico, Chihuahua, Coahuila and Texas, and was under the rule of the Mexican City viceroy acting for Carlos III of Spain.

Mustangs Overran Pueblo There was no communication between the Pacific and Atlantic coasts except news carried in and out by infrequent ships. There was little or no trade. Nearly a half century was to pass before the Yankee traders regarded California as being important enough to sail around the Horn with Yankee notions which they bartered for hides and tallow. For 50 years after the founding of the pueblo hides and tallow were the only trade commodities. With the influx of these first Yankees, trade practices changed. Newcomers married into the Spanish families; a new generation was born and home life around the plaza took on a new snap and go. Once in awhile there was a warlike rebellion of a sort in what was later to become Los Angeles county, but none ever were of sufficient harm to halt trade progress.

In 1787, the year of the Constitution, wild-mustang horses overran the pueblo. Los Angeles River, then known as the "Porciuncula" after the little hamlet in Italy where St. Francis died, had no regular outlet. During big floods, its waters swept toward Ballona Creek and emptied into Playa del Rey. Nearly 80 years were to pass before Los Angeles county was to be organized by Justice of the Peace Olvera. He lived on the street now bearing his name.

Events of Decade There were no roads anywhere. All were narrow trails over which galloped King Carlos III's soldiers with the mails. From these were fashioned El Camino Real, the king's royal road. From the lower tip of Lower California to what was later to be known as San Francisco the only inhabitants were Indians, with the exception of the few Spanish citizens, priests and soldiers doing their best to civilize them.

The Los Angeles pueblo was founded in 1781, ten years after the establishment of San Gabriel Mission, and a month before the surrender of the British Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Va., which ended the American Revolution. More than six years passed before the Constitution was finally ratified. In this decade Pedro Fages was made governor of California, and for a time lived at San Gabriel; Father Crespi, who accompanied Gaspar de Portola in 1769, died at Carmel, as did Father Serra; and the famous Rancho San Rafael land grant of 36,480 acres was made to Jose Maria Verdugo. On a part of this, the later town of Glendale was laid out. This was the first land grant made to a private owner.

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News of the Churches

Church notices, to be assured of publication, should be in The Herald-News office before 10 a. m. Tuesday.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

1918 Lomita boulevard, near Walnut. Thomas G. Smith, Torrance, local leader. Sabbath school, 9:30 a. m., Saturdays. Church service, 11 a. m., Saturdays. Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m., Tuesdays. Young people's meeting, 7:30 p. m., Fridays.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

Cota and Manuel avenues. Rev. Joseph Fitzgerald, pastor. Phone 332. Mass celebrated Sundays at 7:30 and 9:30 a. m., Sunday school, 10:30 a. m., Benediction, 7:30 p. m. Instructions in Catholic faith, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:30 p. m., at Rectory, 1447 Engracia.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Carson and Martina streets. Rev. C. Miles Northrup, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Topic: "Choices and Their Consequences in a Nation's Life." Morning service, 10:50 a. m. Topic: "What the Bible Teaches About World Peace and the Present War Conditions." Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Topic: "The Sense of Hearing." Young people's groups meet regularly at 8:30 p. m. Bible study and prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

A verse from Leviticus: "Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the Lord your God." is the Golden Text in the Lesson-Sermon on "Matter" on Sunday in all Christian Science Churches, branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. The Lesson-Sermon includes these words of Jesus, from Matthew: "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Among the passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, are the statements: "We must not attribute more and more intelligence to matter, but less and less, if we would be wise and healthy." Christian Science reading room at 1208 El Prado. Public welcome.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES' CONVENTION

The international convention of Jehovah's Witnesses is being held this week in Columbus, Ohio. The Ohio State Fair Grounds, buildings and coliseum have been given over entirely free to this great body of Christians. By official proclamation, Ohio honors the period of September 15 to 20.

The high-light of the convention will be Judge Rutherford's speech on safety, it being broadcast from the Columbus Coliseum over a privately arranged network of stations to serve the entire nation, Sunday, September 19, 12 noon (9 a. m. P.S.T.). Special trains, coaches, motor buses and autos have brought 20,000 conventioners from all parts of the nation.

CENTRAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Arlington and Marcelina avenues. Rev. E. W. Metz, pastor. Morning worship and Sunday school, 10 a. m. Evening worship and Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Engracia at Arlington, Rev. F. T. Porter, pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning service, 10:30 a. m. Topic: "Man's Needs." Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Topic: "Bread Alone." Bible study Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

CENTRAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Arlington and Marcelina avenues. Rev. E. W. Metz, pastor. Morning worship and Sunday school, 10 a. m. Choir and special music, John Watson, director. Evening service and Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1432 Engracia avenue, Rev. Thos. R. Marshall, vicar. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning service, 11 a. m. Topic: "The Church School and Its Work." There will also be a consecration service for teachers of the church school at this service. Holy Communion, 8 a. m.

The card party scheduled for Friday, Sept. 17, has been postponed until Friday, Oct. 1, at 8 p. m. in the American Legion hall.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Corner Manuel avenue and El Prado, Rev. B. C. Brewster, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Topic: "My Part in Making Up the Nation's Mind." Morning service, 11 a. m. Topic: "The Magnificent Antithesis" supported by a musical program. Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Topic: "Living in Expectation." Mid-week service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sonoma street and Acadia avenue, Rev. Frank D. Meehling, pastor. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning service, 10:45 a. m. Topic: "The Barren Fig Tree." Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 7 p. m.

Christian Science Programs On CBS

Local radio listeners will be interested in the announcement that the Columbia Broadcasting System will broadcast two programs of Christian Science, which may be heard over KNX, Hollywood, as follows:

Sunday, Sept. 19, at 9 a. m., from New York City by Harry C. Browne, under the direction of the Christian Science Committee on Publication for New York, in a nation-wide broadcast of the Columbia Church of the Air.

Sunday, Sept. 26, at 8 a. m., from Portland by Sherwood Kretzinger, Christian Science Committee on Publication for Oregon, in a Pacific Coast broadcast of the West Coast Church of the Air.

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QUESTIONS

Who was the first caricaturist?

What is Sanskrit?

Fishermen, attention! Why is fishing often referred to as the art of Isak Walton?

TODAY'S PROVERB

"Him who hits you with a stone, hit with a wad of cotton."

—Persian.

ANSWERS

An Italian painter, named Bufalino was the first caricaturist. He drew caricatures and put labels with sentences to the mouths of his creations. This clever Italian, who lived in the 14th century, certainly started something!

Sanskrit is the mother of all the modern Aryan languages. It is the classical language of the Hindus. As a spoken language, it died about two centuries before the Christian era.

Fishing is often referred to as the art of Isak Walton because that erudite gentleman was the author of a book on fishing, published in 1653, called "Compleat Angler." He was not the first to write about angling, however. "The treatise of Fysshing with an Angle," by Wynkyn de Worde, was published in 1496. Fishing is an ancient art. It is mentioned in the Bible, in Amos.

ADIOS

Haste seems to be an obsession with us these days. We hurry here, there, and everywhere, rarely stopping and honking our way. Why?

"Life is not so short but that there is always time enough for courtesy."

—Emerson.

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